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NOTE:

Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal

Nursing Facility Certifications – Change in Signature Requirement

Effective immediately, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program will accept Medical Eligibility Review Forms (DHMH 3871), that have been signed by either a physician or nurse practitioner who is knowledgeable of an applicant's medical, functional and/or cognitive needs when completed to determine a nursing facility (NF) level of care for nursing facilities, medical day care or Home and Community-Based Services Waiver programs. This change is being implemented to facilitate applicants' access to community-based long-term care service alternatives.

Requests for medical eligibility for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), chronic, rehabilitation and specialty hospital levels of care, however, will continue to require a physician's signature.

Questions regarding this change may be directed to the nursing facility staff specialist at 410-767-1736.